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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Aledo, Illinois has become famous for the annual  
3 Rhubarb Festival; and

4 WHEREAS, Darlene Johnson is the founder of the Rhubarb  
5 Festival, she started the festival in 1990 in her kitchen, with  
6 50 people in attendance; and

7 WHEREAS, The Festival has grown, today attracting from  
8 10,000 to 15,000 people who come to sample and test rhubarb  
9 dishes, buy pies, and celebrate all that is rhubarb; and

10 WHEREAS, In 2006, people attended the Festival from over 19  
11 states, including Hawaii and Japan; 2,078 homemade rhubarb pies  
12 were sold during the Festival; and

13 WHEREAS, The 2006 Festival generated \$28,145 for Aledo's  
14 civic organizations and churches that were a part of the  
15 Festival; and

16 WHEREAS, The Festival has captured media attention, with  
17 features in several newspapers and magazines, as well as on  
18 television and radio; and

19 WHEREAS, The Aledo Rhubarb Festival centers around two

1 goals, family fun and the promotion of the community; this  
2 year's festival will be held June 2nd; therefore, be it

3       RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
4 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
5 proclaim Aledo as the Rhubarb Capital of the Illinois; and be  
6 it further

7       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
8 presented to Darlene Johnson, founder of the Rhubarb Festival.